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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims, without prejudice, as follows, wherein underlining identifies added material and strikethroughs identify deleted material:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A system for managing commerce comprising:  
an interface for sending and receiving data to and from the Internet;  
means for storing data representative of a seller, a distributor and a purchaser, the means for storing data representative of a seller, a distributor and a purchaser comprising means for storing data representative of contractual relationships between a seller, a distributor and a purchaser,  
means for storing data representative of a product available from the seller;  
means for storing data representative of a contract between the seller and the purchaser;  
means for storing data representative of a purchase of the product by the purchaser from the seller;  
means for storing data representative of a shipment of the product from the distributor to the purchaser;  
means for determining a rebate due to the purchaser from the seller;  
means for transferring a payment, for goods purchased, received from the purchaser to the seller at least in part via the Internet; and  
means for determining a chargeback payment due from the manufacturer to the distributor, and for storing data representative of chargeback payments therebetween, wherein the seller, the distributor and the purchaser access the system using the Internet.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein data representative of a contract comprises at least two party names, a product, a price, a date, and a term.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2 wherein data representative of a contract further comprises a rebate due from the seller to the purchaser.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising:  
means for determining a trade fund balance for each product purchased by the purchaser from the seller; and means for updating the trade fund balance when a rebate is processed.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the trade fund balance further comprises an actual trade fund balance and a budgeted trade fund balance.
6. (Presently Amended) A system for managing commerce comprising:  
an interface for sending and receiving data to and from the Internet;  
means for storing data representative of a seller, a distributor, a group purchasing organization and an end user, the means for storing data representative of a seller, a distributor, a group purchasing

organization and an end user comprising means for storing data representative of contractual relationships therebetween;

means for storing data representative of a product available from the seller;

means for storing data representative of a contract between the seller and the group purchasing organization;

means for storing data representative of a purchase of the product by the group purchasing organization from the seller;

means for storing data representative of a shipment of the product from the distributor to the end user;

means for determining a rebate due to the group purchasing organization from the seller;

means for transferring a payment, for goods purchased, received from the group purchasing organization to the seller at least in part via the Internet;

wherein the seller, the distributor and the group purchasing organization access the system using the Internet.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein data representative of a contract comprises at least two party names, a product, a price, a date, and a term.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein data representative of a contract further comprises a rebate due from the seller to the group purchasing organization.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6 further comprising:

means for determining a trade fund balance for each product purchased by the group purchasing organization from the seller; and means for updating the trade fund balance when a rebate is processed.

10. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the trade fund balance further comprises an actual trade fund balance and a budgeted trade fund balance.

11. (Presently Amended) A method for managing commerce from an electronic commerce site accessed over a network, ~~comprising the steps of:~~

storing data representative of a seller, a distributor and a purchaser, the storing including storing data representative of contractual relationships between a seller, a distributor and a purchaser;

storing data representative of a product available from the seller;

storing data representative of a contract between the seller and the purchaser;

storing data representative of a purchase of the product by the purchaser from the seller;

storing data representative of a shipment of the product from the distributor to the purchaser;

determining a rebate due to the purchaser from the seller;

transferring a payment, for goods purchased, received from the purchaser to the seller at least in part via the network; and

determining a chargeback payment due from the manufacturer to the distributor, and storing data representative of chargeback payments therebetween.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein data representative of a contract comprises at least two party names, a product, a price, a date, and a term.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein data representative of a contract further comprises a rebate due from the seller to the purchaser.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
determining a trade fund balance for each product purchased by the purchaser from the seller;  
and updating the trade fund balance when a rebate is processed.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the trade fund balance further comprises an actual trade fund balance and a budgeted trade fund balance.

16. (Presently Amended) A method for managing commerce from an electronic commerce site accessed over a network, the method comprising:

storing data representative of a seller, a distributor, a group purchasing organization and an end user, including storing data representative of contractual relationships therebetween;

storing data representative of a product available from the seller;

storing data representative of a contract between the seller and the group purchasing organization;

storing data representative of a purchase of the product by the group purchasing organization from the seller;

storing data representative of a shipment of the product from the distributor to the end user;  
determining a rebate due to the group purchasing organization from the seller; and

transferring a payment, for goods purchased, received from the group purchasing organization to the seller, at least in part via the network.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein data representative of a contract comprises at least two party names, a product, a price, a date, and a term.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein data representative of a contract further comprises a rebate due from the seller to the group purchasing organization.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16 further comprising:

determining a trade fund balance for each product purchased by the group purchasing organization from the seller; and updating the trade fund balance when a rebate is processed.

20. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the trade fund balance further comprises an actual trade fund balance and a budgeted trade fund balance.